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21 FULFILLIUM, INC.,

22 Plaintiff,

23 v.

24 RESHAPE MEDICAL, LLC and  
25 RESHAPE LIFESCIENCES,  
26 INC.

27 Defendants.

Case No. 8:18-cv-01265-RGK-PLA

**PLAINTIFF'S MEMORANDUM IN  
SUPPORT OF ITS MOTION FOR  
SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON THE  
ISSUE OF INFRINGEMENT**

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1 Plaintiff Fulfillium, Inc. respectfully submits this memorandum in support of  
2 its Motion for Partial Summary Judgment of Infringement. Fulfillium seeks  
3 summary judgment that Defendants ReShape Medical, LLC and ReShape  
4 Lifesciences, Inc. have infringed independent claim 1 of each of U.S. Patent Nos.  
5 9,445,930 (the “ ‘930 patent”); 9,808,367 (the “ ‘367 patent”); and 9,456,915 (the  
6 “ ‘915 patent”) (collectively the “Patents-in-Suit”) as well as claims 5, 6, and 11 of  
7 the ‘930 patent and claim 7 of the ‘367 patent. Fulfillium’s Motion is supported by  
8 a L.R. 56-1 Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law (“SUF”)  
9 as well as the Declarations of W. Cook Alciati and Dr. Sunil Bhoyrul. Dr. Bhoyrul  
10 is a bariatric surgeon who is skilled in the pertinent art.

### 11 **INTRODUCTION**

12 Defendants did not serve a substantive noninfringement position until after  
13 the close of discovery. To avoid motion practice, Fulfillium agreed to accept  
14 service of those contentions. When Fulfillium finally discovered Defendants  
15 noninfringement positions, Fulfillium learned that they were all premised on  
16 Defendants unsupported attempt to manufacture a noninfringement defense by  
17 reading limitations into the claims that are not recited in the claims. There is no  
18 basis in the intrinsic record or otherwise for Defendants’ proposed constructions.

19 Defendants are forced to contrive limiting claim constructions because they  
20 infringe the Patents-in-Suit when those patents are properly understood according  
21 to their plain and ordinary meaning. Indeed, Defendants largely admitted that all  
22 elements of the claims in the Patents-in-Suit are literally present in the accused  
23 device during their Rule 30(b)(6) deposition. Defendants are bound by those  
24 admissions. No reasonable jury could find that the accused devices do not include  
25 each and every element of claim 1 of the each of the Patents-in-Suit. Summary  
26 judgment of infringement is appropriate in this case.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

### **A. The Patents-in-Suit**

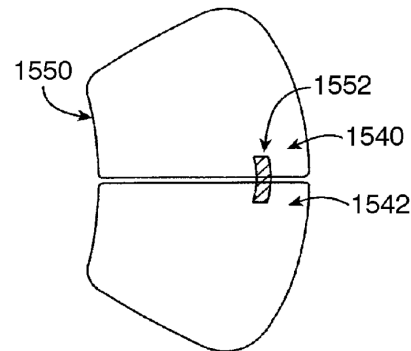
The Patents-in-Suit are all directed to a gastric balloon device. Bhoyrul Decl.

¶ 14. A gastric balloon device is a non-surgical treatment for obesity which is inserted endoscopically into the patient's stomach. *Id.* Once the device is within the patient's stomach, it is inflated with a fluid, such as saline. *Id.* The inflated device occupies space in the stomach, leading to a sense of satiety. *Id.* With the patient feeling satiated, the patient will consume less calories and lose weight. *Id.*

The specification explains that "the present disclosure provides improved gastric balloons and methods for their deployment and use." *See, e.g.,* '915 patent, Col. 8, ll. 59-60. The specification discloses various embodiments of a gastric balloon structure. One such embodiment discloses a dual balloon structure in which the balloons are connected by a flexible spine.

That embodiment is shown in Fig. 15F (right).

As can be seen, the device includes two balloons 1540 and 1542 that are

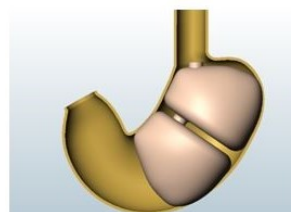


**FIG. 15F**

Current Thoughts on Product Design

connected with a flexible central spine. This design is substantially similar to the design of a prototype device Fulfillium developed in the early 2000s (shown to the right). In

#### **Alternative designs.**



#### **Basic features**

- Follows our patent principles
- >1 balloons
- Intermediate stage of "holding" food

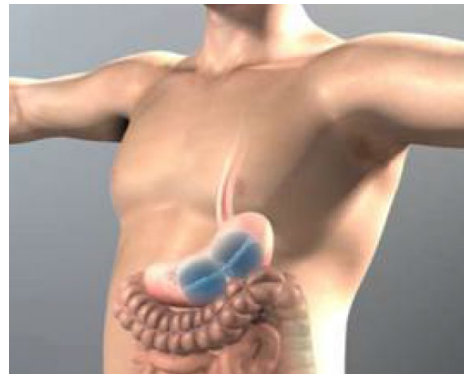
#### **Others...**

In the potential commercial embodiment of Fulfillium's gastric balloon technology, the device includes two balloons connected by a flexible spine that allows the gastric balloon structure to conform to the shape of the gastric cavity.

1 Independent claim 1 of each of the Patents-in-Suit is generally directed to a  
2 gastric balloon structure including multiple balloons connected by a flexible central  
3 spine with the structure conforming to a curved shape in the patient's stomach. The  
4 dual balloon design enhances the safety of the device as well as patient comfort.

### 5 **B. Accused Products**

6 Defendants sold a gastric balloon device between 2016 and 2018 that  
7 infringed the Patents-in-Suit. SUF, ¶ 2. The device has been called two different  
8 names, but there is no material difference  
9 between the two differently named devices as  
10 it relates to this litigation. *Id.* ¶ 3. The  
11 infringing devices will be referred to herein as  
12 the "ReShape Balloon." The structure of the  
13 ReShape Balloon is substantially similar to the  
14 embodiments of the Fulfillium balloon



15 depicted above. An image from the ReShape Balloon Instructions for Use is  
16 reproduced to the right. The ReShape Balloon "is a temporary implant designed to  
17 facilitate weight loss by occupying space in the stomach." *Id.* ¶ 13. "The device's  
18 flexible dual balloon design is intended to improve patient comfort while reducing  
19 the risk of device migration into the intestine." *Id.* ¶ 59. In particular, the two  
20 interconnected balloons are designed to better fit the natural contour of the stomach,  
21 thereby increasing the level of patient comfort. *Id.* ¶ 57.

### 22 **C. The Parties**

23 Dr. Richard Chen founded Fulfillium in 2004 to commercialize his ideas  
24 concerning an improved gastric balloon. SUF, ¶ 4. In 2005, Dr. Chen embarked  
25 on an effort to seek funding for Fulfillium from venture capital firms, including SV  
26 Lifesciences (the original investor in ReShape). *Id.* ¶¶ 60, 61.

1 In 2005, Dr. Chen sent to SV a copy of analysis conducted by Fulfillium that  
2 “practically outline[d] the design specs for the next generation of the product,  
3 form[ed] the basis for Fulfillium’s IP, and represent[ed] the fruits of [Dr. Chen’s]  
4 labors over the past years.” SUF, ¶ 48. Upon providing such information, Dr. Chen  
5 stated: “I trust that they will be kept confidential and, in the event there is no deal,  
6 destroyed.” *Id.*

7 SV intended to partner with Intersect Partners LLC, which was managed by  
8 one their venture partners, George Wallace. *Id.* ¶¶ 62, 63. [REDACTED]

9 [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED]  
11 *Id.* Fulfillium, SV, and Intersect were unable to agree upon terms at which point  
12 SV and Intersect decided to fund and form Abdominis, Inc. with Mr. Wallace as the  
13 Chief Executive Officer. *Id.* ¶¶ 64, 65.

14 In connection with the funding of Abdominis, [REDACTED]

15 [REDACTED] *Id.* ¶ 65. [REDACTED]

16 [REDACTED]  
17 *Id.* ¶¶ 65-67. [REDACTED]

18 [REDACTED] *Id.* ¶ 67.

19 Plainly put, when SV and Intersect could not reach a deal with Fulfillium,  
20 they decided to launch their own gastric balloon company all while keeping Dr.  
21 Chen and Fulfillium in the dark on their plan to launch a competitive company  
22 based on the confidential information disclosed by Fulfillium. *See, e.g.,* ¶¶ 68-72.

23 [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED] *Id.*

25 In the years following the formation of Abdominis, the name was changed to  
26 ReShape Medical. *Id.* ¶ 73. At a Board of directors meeting in 2009, ReShape  
27 discussed [REDACTED] *Id.* ¶ 74. [REDACTED]



1 [REDACTED] In fact,  
2 Defendants admitted during the Rule 30(b)(6) [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED] SUF, ¶ 75. Indeed, [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED] SUF, ¶¶ 75-  
6 76. Despite that intimate knowledge of Fulfillium's intellectual property  
7 Defendants charged ahead to commercialize Fulfillium's gastric balloon  
8 technology.

### 9 LEGAL STANDARDS

10 Summary judgment is appropriate when there is no genuine issue of material  
11 fact for trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c). "By its very terms, this standard provides that  
12 the mere existence of *some* alleged factual dispute between the parties will not  
13 defeat an otherwise properly supported motion for summary judgment; the  
14 requirement is that there be no *genuine* issue of *material* fact." *Anderson v. Liberty*  
15 *Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S. 242, 247-48 (1986) (original emphasis).

16 "An infringement issue is properly decided upon summary judgment when  
17 no reasonable jury could find that every limitation recited in the properly construed  
18 claim either is or is not found in the accused device either literally or under the  
19 doctrine of equivalents." *Gart v. Logitech, Inc.*, 254 F.3d 1334, 1339 (Fed. Cir.  
20 2001). "Where the only dispute is about the proper claim construction, summary  
21 judgment is appropriate." *Bragel Int'l, Inc. v. Kohls's Dept. Stores, Inc.*, No. 2:17-  
22 cv-07414-RGK-SS, 2019 WL 1425058, at \*2 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 25, 2019).

23 "A determination of infringement requires a two-step analysis." *Gart*, 254  
24 F.3d at 1339. First, the claim must be construed. *Id.* Second, "the claim as properly  
25 construed must be compared to the accused device or process." *Id.* "In order for a  
26 court to find infringement, the plaintiff must show for the presence of every ...  
27 limitation or its substantial equivalent in the accused device." *Id.* Claim  
28

1 construction is an issue of law, and infringement is a question of fact.” *Id.*

2 **ARGUMENT**

3 **A. The claim terms of the Patents-in-Suit are all properly**  
4 **understood according to their plain and ordinary meaning.**

5 “It is the claims that define the metes and bounds of the patentee’s invention.”  
6 *Thorner v. Sony Computer Entmt.*, 669 F.3d 1362, 1367 (Fed. Cir. 2012). “The  
7 patentee is free to choose a broad term and expect to obtain the full scope of its  
8 plain and ordinary meaning unless the patentee explicitly redefines the term or  
9 disavows its full scope.” *Id.* A patentee can explicitly redefine a term through  
10 lexicography, which requires a patentee to “clearly set forth a definition of the  
11 disputed claim term other than its plain and ordinary meaning.” *Id.* at 1365. “It is  
12 not enough for a patentee to simply disclose a single embodiment or use a word in  
13 the same manner in all embodiments, the patentee must clearly express an intent to  
14 define the term.” *Id.* A patentee can also limit claim scope through disavowal.  
15 Like lexicography, “the standard for disavowal is similarly exacting.” *Id.* “To  
16 constitute disclaimer, there must be a clear and unmistakable disclaimer.” *Id.* at  
17 1366-67.

18 Despite relying on claim constructions that depart from the ordinary meaning  
19 of the claim terms, Defendants did not offer any proposed constructions until the  
20 last day of discovery. *SUF*, ¶ 80. Defendants thereafter supplemented their  
21 response after the close of discovery on July 2, 2019. *Id.* ¶ 81. When Defendants  
22 finally did take a position, they revealed claim constructions that would rewrite the  
23 claims in various ways that are not supported by the facts or law. Defendants cite  
24 to no clear and unmistakable disclaimer that would support their narrowing  
25 constructions. Absent such disclaimer, the claim terms are presumed to have their  
26 ordinary meaning. In this case, the words of the claims are easily understood by  
27 lawyers, judges, and jurors alike without the need for specific construction. *Phillips*

1 *v. AWH Corp.*, 415 F.3d 1303, 1314 (Fed. Cir. 2005) (en banc).

2 **B. Defendants infringe independent claim 1 of each of the Patents-**  
3 **in-Suit.**

4 **1. Defendants infringe the '930 Patent**

5 **a. Preamble**

6 The preamble of claim 1 of the '930 patent recites: "An obesity treatment  
7 device for deploying in a stomach of patient, comprising." SUF, ¶ 8. To the extent  
8 the preamble is limiting, it is met because the ReShape Balloon is a device used to  
9 treat obesity that is deployed in the stomach of the patient. SUF, ¶ 13; Bhoyrul  
10 Dec., ¶¶ 23-24.

11 **b. First element**

12 The first element of claim 1 of the '930 patent recites "a plurality of adjacent,  
13 spaced-apart inflatable space-filling compartments, wherein each compartment of  
14 the plurality of inflatable space-filling compartments has a respective inflated state  
15 volume that is maintained during treatment of the patient." SUF, ¶ 8. A POSITA  
16 would understand the words of this claim limitation according to their plain and  
17 ordinary meaning without the need for further construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 26.

18 A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the  
19 ReShape Balloon. *Id.*, ¶¶ 27-34. The ReShape Balloon includes "two  
20 independently inflated, non-communicating, silicone balloons tethered to a central  
21 silicone shaft." SUF, ¶ 14; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 28. A POSITA would understand that  
22 the two balloons, which are located next to each and inflated after the device is  
23 implanted in the stomach, to constitute "a plurality of adjacent, spaced-apart  
24 inflatable filling compartments." Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 29.

25 Each of the two balloons of the ReShape Balloon is inflated to a specified  
26 volume. SUF, ¶ 15. Once inflated, that volume is maintained during treatment of  
27 patient by, for example, the valve system discussed below. SUF, ¶ 15; Bhoyrul  
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Dec., ¶¶ 30-33. A POSITA would understand this to meet the requirement that “each compartment of the plurality of inflatable space-filling compartments has a respective inflated state volume that is maintained during treatment of the patient.” Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 30-34.

**c. Second element**

The second element of claim 1 of the ‘930 patent recites: “a valve system for introducing a fluid into each compartment of the plurality of inflatable space-filling compartments and for retaining, upon inflation, fluid in the plurality inflatable space-filling compartments, wherein” SUF, ¶ 8. A POSITA would understand the words of this claim limitation according to their plain and ordinary meaning without the need for further construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 36.

A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the ReShape Balloon. *Id.*, ¶¶ 37-46. The ReShape Balloon includes [REDACTED] through which fluid flows. SUF, ¶ 17; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 38-43. The fluid flows through the valves and into the two balloons of the ReShape Balloon. SUF, ¶¶ 18-20; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶¶ 40-44. Once the fluid flows through [REDACTED], it does not flow back out of the ReShape Balloon. SUF, ¶¶ 18-22; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 45. Following the filling of the balloons with fluid through the valves, a valve sealant is injected to seal the [REDACTED]. SUF, ¶ 22; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 44. This valve sealant further ensures that fluid cannot flow out of [REDACTED]. Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 45.

A POSITA would understand [REDACTED], and fill tubes to constitute a valve system. The valve system is sealed with valve sealant, which can be considered part of the valve system. Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 22. The valve system retains the fluid in the ReShape Balloon once the balloons of the device are inflated. *Id.* ¶ 23. Indeed, common sense requires such a function.

**d. Third element.**

The third element of claim 1 of the ‘930 patent recites: “the valve system comprises a respective valve structure for introducing fluid into each inflatable space-filling compartment of the plurality of inflatable space-filling compartments, wherein each respective valve structure includes at least a first valve in series with a second valve;” SUF, ¶ 8. A POSITA would understand the words of this claim limitation according to their plain and ordinary meaning without the need for further construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 48.

A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the ReShape Balloon. *Id.*, ¶¶ 47-49. The ReShape Balloon includes a valve structure [REDACTED] SUF, ¶ 82; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 49.

**e. Fourth element.**

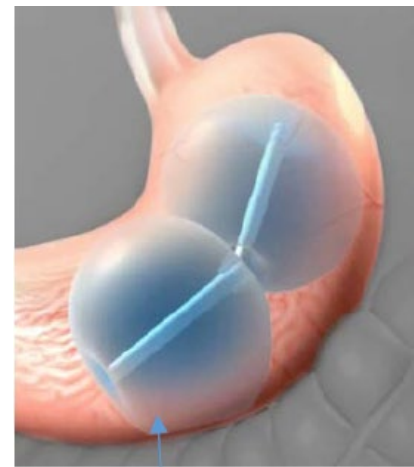
The fourth element of claim 1 of the ‘930 patent recites: “wherein the obesity treatment device is to form, upon at least partially filling the plurality of inflatable space-filling compartments, to a curved shape conforming to a natural three-dimensional kidney shape of the stomach such that an outer surface of the obesity treatment device aligns against greater and lesser curvatures of the stomach.” SUF, ¶ 8. A POSITA would understand the words of this claim limitation according to their plain and ordinary meaning without the need for further construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 51.

A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the ReShape Balloon. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 52-58. The ReShape Balloon is inflated after it is implanted into the patient’s stomach. SUF, ¶ 14. When the device is inflated it takes a [REDACTED]

1 curved shape [REDACTED]. SUF, ¶ 14; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 53-57.  
2 When inflated, the ReShape Integrated Dual Balloon Assembly is designed to  
3 occupy a significant portion of the stomach while conforming to the natural shape  
4 and contour of the patient's stomach. SUF, ¶¶ 24-26, 49-57; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶¶ 53-  
5 57. The [REDACTED]  
6 [REDACTED]

7 SUF, ¶ 53; ¶¶ 49-59. Indeed, Defendants represented to their shareholders and the  
8 SEC that “we believe that our device differentiates itself with two interconnected  
9 balloons designed to better fit the natural contour of  
10 the stomach, thereby increasing the level of patient  
11 comfort.” SUF, ¶ 57.

12 The outer surface of the left side of the balloon  
13 aligns against the lesser curvature of the stomach and  
14 the outer surface of the right side of the balloon aligns  
15 against the greater curvature of the stomach as shown  
16 in the animation ReShape includes with its patient  
17 information guide. SUF, ¶ 37; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 54-  
18 57. This is consistent with a radiograph showing the  
19 device inside the patient's stomach. Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 56.



Inflated ReShape Dual Balloon

Fig. 2

20 In sum, the foregoing establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that  
21 each and every element of claim 1 of the '930 patent is literally present in the  
22 ReShape Balloon when that claim is properly understood according to its plain and  
23 ordinary meaning. No reasonable juror could find otherwise, and summary  
24 judgment of infringement as to claim 1 of the '930 patent is therefore appropriate.

## 25 **2. Defendants infringe claim 1 of the '915 patent.**

### 26 **a. Preamble**

27 The preamble of claim 1 of the '915 patent recites: “A gastric balloon  
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1 structure for deploying in a gastric cavity of a patient, comprising.” SUF, ¶ 9. To  
2 the extent the preamble is limiting, it is met because the ReShape Balloon is a  
3 gastric balloon structure that is deployed in a gastric cavity of a patient. SUF, ¶ 28;  
4 Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 59-60.

5 **b. First element**

6 The first element of claim 1 of the ’915 patent recites: “at least two isolated  
7 non-concentric inflatable chambers, wherein each chamber of the at least two  
8 isolated non-concentric inflatable chambers has a respective inflated state volume  
9 such that deflation of any single chamber of the at least two isolated non-concentric  
10 inflatable chambers leaves the inflated state volume of the remaining chambers of  
11 the at least two isolated non-concentric inflatable chambers unaffected;” A  
12 POSITA would understand the words of this claim limitation according to their  
13 plain and ordinary meaning without the need for further construction. Bhoyrul  
14 Dec., ¶ 62.

15 A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the  
16 ReShape Balloon. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 63-66. The balloons of the ReShape Balloon  
17 are inflatable chambers. SUF, ¶ 29; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 64. Each balloon has its own  
18 specific inflated state volume. SUF, ¶ 15. The balloons are non-concentric at least  
19 because they do not share a common center and would not fit within each other.  
20 SUF, ¶ 30; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 66. The balloons of the ReShape Balloon are not in  
21 fluid communication with each other. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 63-65. Accordingly, if one  
22 deflates, the other will remain inflated. SUF, ¶ 31; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 64-65.

23 **c. Second element**

24 The second element of claim 1 of ’915 patent recites “a valve system for  
25 introducing a fluid into the at least two isolated non-concentric inflatable chambers  
26 and for retaining upon inflation, the fluid in the at least two isolated non-concentric  
27 inflatable chambers;” SUF, ¶ 9. A POSITA would understand the words of this  
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1 claim limitation according to their plain and ordinary meaning without the need for  
2 further construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 68.

3 A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the  
4 ReShape Balloon. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 69-76. The ReShape Balloon includes [REDACTED]  
5 [REDACTED]. SUF, ¶ 17;  
6 Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 69-73. The fluid flows through the valves and into the two  
7 balloons of the ReShape Balloon. SUF, ¶¶ 18-20; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶¶ 73-75. Once  
8 the fluid flows through [REDACTED], it does not flow back  
9 out of the ReShape Balloon. SUF, ¶¶ 18-22; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶¶ 71-76. Following the  
10 filling of the balloons with fluid through the valves, a valve sealant is injected to  
11 seal [REDACTED]. SUF, ¶ 22; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 76. This valve sealant further  
12 ensures that fluid cannot flow out of [REDACTED] once fluid flows through it.  
13 Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 76.

14 A POSITA would understand the [REDACTED], and fill  
15 tubes to constitute a valve system. Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 75. The valve system is sealed  
16 with valve sealant, which can be considered part of the valve system. *Id.* ¶ 76. The  
17 valve system retains the fluid in the ReShape Balloon once the balloons of the  
18 device are inflated. *Id.* ¶¶ 75-76.

19 **d. Third element**

20 The third limitation of claim 1 ‘915 patent recites “a flexible central spine  
21 spanning a gap between and fixedly attached to both a first chamber of the at least  
22 two isolated non-concentric inflatable chambers and a second chamber of the at  
23 least two isolated non-concentric inflatable chambers.” SUF, ¶ 9. A POSITA  
24 would understand the words of this claim limitation according to their plain and  
25 ordinary meaning without the need for further construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 78.  
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1 A POSITA would recognize this claim  
2 limitation as literally present in the ReShape  
3 Balloon. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 79-82. The  
4 ReShape Balloon includes a “central silicone  
5 shaft” that is attached to the balloons and  
6 spans a gap between the two balloons. SUF,  
7 ¶ 32; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶¶ 80-81. The central silicone shaft is flexible. *Id.*; *id.* The  
8 flexible central silicone shaft runs through the length of the balloon device acting  
9 as a spine. SUF, ¶ 35; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶¶ 80-81. The central silicone shaft connects  
10 the two balloons in the ReShape Balloon. SUF, ¶ 33; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶¶ 80-81. The  
11 above-picture from Defendants’ response to Interrogatory No. 5 [REDACTED]  
12 [REDACTED] Alciati Decl., Ex. 34 at 7.

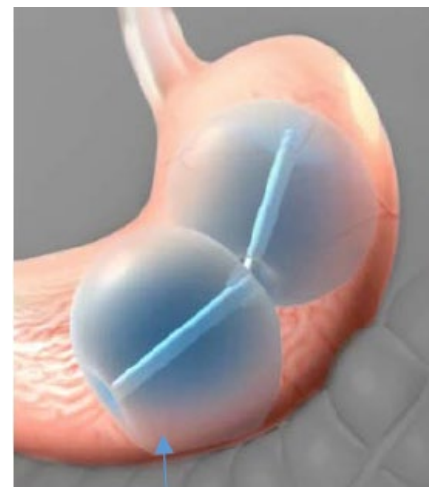
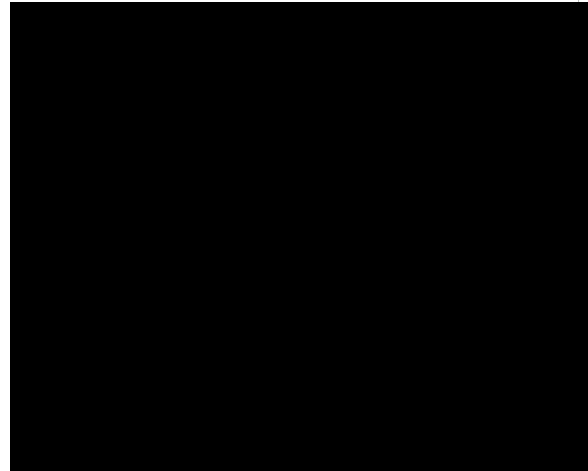
13 A POSITA would understand the “central silicone shaft” of the ReShape  
14 Balloon to be a flexible central spine that is attached to the two balloons and that  
15 spans a gap between the two balloons. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 79-81.

16 **e. Fourth element**

17 The fourth limitation of claim 1 ‘915 patent recites “wherein the gastric  
18 balloon structure, in its inflated state, assumes a curved shape conforming to a  
19 natural three-dimensional kidney shape of the gastric cavity, such that the flexible  
20 central spine flexibly conforms, upon at least partially filling the at least two  
21 isolated non-concentric inflatable chambers, the gastric balloon structure of the  
22 natural three-dimensional kidney shape of the gastric cavity.” SUF, ¶ 9. A POSITA  
23 would understand the words of this claim limitation according to their plain and  
24 ordinary meaning without the need for further construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 84.

25 A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the  
26 ReShape Balloon. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 85-87. The ReShape Balloon is inflated after  
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1 it is implanted into the patient's stomach.  
2 SUF, ¶ 14. When the device is inflated it  
3 takes a curved shape as shown in the figure  
4 to the right. SUF, ¶ 14; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶  
5 51-57; 87. When inflated, the ReShape  
6 Integrated Dual Balloon Assembly is  
7 designed to occupy a significant portion of  
8 the stomach while conforming to the  
9 natural shape and contour of the patient's stomach.  
10 SUF, ¶¶ 24-26; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶¶ 51-57; 87. As the  
11 image on the right shows, the flexible central spine  
12 of the ReShape device bends and conforms the  
13 device to the shape of the patient's stomach. SUF,  
14 ¶¶ 37-38, 49-59; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 86. In fact,  
15 ReShape has represented that ReShape Balloon is  
16 [REDACTED]  
17 [REDACTED]  
18 [REDACTED]  
19 SUF, ¶ 55.



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**f. Fifth element.**

21 The fifth element of claim 1 of the '915 patent recites "wherein a respective  
22 fluid volume for filling each chamber of the at least two isolated non-concentric  
23 inflatable chambers is selected based upon dimensions of the gastric cavity of the  
24 patient." SUF, ¶ 9. A POSITA would understand the words of this claim limitation  
25 according to their plain and ordinary meaning without the need for further  
26 construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 89.

27 A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the  
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ReShape Balloon. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 89-94. The inflation volume for the balloons is determined, in part, based on the stature of the patients. SUF, ¶ 39; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 88. For patients over 64.5 inches in height, a fill volume of 450cc per balloon is recommended. SUF, ¶ 41; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 91. For patients under 64.5 inches in height, a fill volume of 375cc is recommended. SUF, ¶ 42; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 91. Dr. Bhoyrul explains that “the dimensions of the patient’s stomach will, in part, depend on the patient’s stature.” Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 92. A skilled artisan would thus understand that the fill volume of the balloons of the ReShape Balloon is based on the size of the patient’s stomach. *Id.*

Additionally, the filling process of the balloons of the ReShape Balloon is monitored through endoscopic visualization. SUF, ¶ 43; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 93-94. This visualization allows the physician to determine whether the patient’s anatomy can accommodate the minimal fill level of 375cc balloons. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 93-94. If the physician determines that not be the case through the endoscopic visualization, the place procedure is discontinued. *Id.* ¶ 94. This is yet another way in which the fill volume is based on the dimensions of the patient’s gastric cavity. *Id.*

In sum, the foregoing establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that each and every element of claim 1 of the ‘915 patent is literally present in the ReShape Balloon when that claim is properly understood according to its plain and ordinary meaning. No reasonable juror could find otherwise, and summary judgment of infringement as to claim 1 of the ‘915 patent is therefore appropriate.

### **3. Defendants infringe claim 1 of the ‘367 patent.**

#### **a. Preamble**

The preamble of claim 1 of the ‘367 patent “A free floating, untethered gastric balloon structure for deploying in a gastric cavity of a patient, comprising.” SUF, ¶ 10. To the extent the preamble is limiting, it is met because the ReShape

1 Balloon is a free-floating, untethered gastric balloon structure that is deployed in a  
2 gastric cavity of a patient. SUF, ¶¶ 44-45; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 95-98.

3 **b. First element**

4 The first element of claim 1 of the ‘367 patent recites “at least two isolated  
5 non-concentric inflatable chambers, wherein each chamber of the at least two  
6 isolated non-concentric inflatable chambers has a respective inflated state volume  
7 such that deflation of any single chamber of the at least two isolated non-concentric  
8 inflatable chambers leaves the inflated state volume of the remaining chambers of  
9 the at least two isolated non-concentric inflatable chambers unaffected.” SUF, ¶  
10 10. A POSITA would understand the words of this claim limitation according to  
11 their plain and ordinary meaning without the need for further construction. Bhoyrul  
12 Dec., ¶ 100.

13 A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the  
14 ReShape Balloon. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 101-105. A POSITA would understand the  
15 two balloons of the ReShape Balloon to be inflatable chambers. SUF, ¶ 29; Bhoyrul  
16 Dec., ¶ 64. The balloons are non-concentric at least because they do not share a  
17 common center and would not fit within each other. SUF, ¶ 30; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶  
18 104. The balloons of the ReShape Balloon are not in fluid communication with  
19 each other. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 102-103. Accordingly, if one deflates, the other will  
20 remain inflated. SUF, ¶ 31; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 105.

21 **c. Second element**

22 The second limitation of the claim 1 of the ‘367 patent recites “a valve system  
23 for introducing a fluid into the at least two isolated non-concentric inflatable  
24 chambers and for retaining, upon inflation, fluid in the at least two isolated non-  
25 concentric inflatable chambers.” SUF, ¶ 10. A POSITA would understand the  
26 words of this claim limitation according to their plain and ordinary meaning without  
27 the need for further construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 107.  
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1 A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the  
2 ReShape Balloon. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 107-115. The ReShape Balloon includes [REDACTED]  
3 [REDACTED] valves through which fluid flows. SUF, ¶ 17;  
4 Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 109-112. The fluid flows through the valves and into the two  
5 balloons of the ReShape Balloon. SUF, ¶¶ 18-20; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 112-115. Once  
6 the fluid flows through [REDACTED], it does not flow back  
7 out of the ReShape Balloon. SUF, ¶¶ 18-22; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶¶ 112-113. Following  
8 the filling of the balloons with fluid through the valves, a valve sealant is injected  
9 to seal [REDACTED]. SUF, ¶ 22; Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 114. This valve sealant further  
10 ensures that fluid cannot flow out of the flapper valve once fluid flows through it.  
11 Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 114.

12 A POSITA would understand [REDACTED], and fill  
13 tubes to constitute a valve system. *Id.* The valve system is sealed with valve  
14 sealant, which can be considered part of the valve system. *Id.* The valve system  
15 retains the fluid in the ReShape Balloon once the balloons of the device are  
16 inflated. *Id.* ¶ 115.

17 **d. Third element**

18 The third element of claim 1 of the ‘367 patent recites “a flexible member  
19 spanning a gap between and fixedly attached to both a first chamber of the at least  
20 two isolated non-concentric inflatable chambers and a second chamber of the at  
21 least two isolated non-concentric inflatable chambers, said flexible member  
22 carrying inflation tubes that are in fluid communication with the at least two isolated  
23 non-concentric inflatable chambers.” SUF, ¶ 10. A POSITA would understand the  
24 words of this claim limitation according to their plain and ordinary meaning without  
25 the need for further construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 117.

26 A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the  
27 ReShape Balloon. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 118-125. The ReShape Balloon includes a  
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1 “central silicone shaft” that is attached to the balloons and spans a gap between the  
2 two balloons. SUF, ¶ 32; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 119-120. The central silicone shaft is  
3 flexible. *Id.*; *id.* The flexible central silicone shaft runs through the length of the  
4 balloon device acting as a spine. SUF, ¶ 35; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 120. The central  
5 silicone shaft connects the two balloons in the ReShape Balloon. SUF, ¶ 33;  
6 Bhoyrul Dec. ¶ 120.

7 The central silicone shaft of the ReShape balloon [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED].  
9 SUF, ¶ 46, Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 122-125. The [REDACTED]  
10 [REDACTED] are used to fill fluid into  
11 the balloons of the ReShape Balloon. SUF, ¶ 47; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 122-125.

12 **e. Fourth element**

13 The fourth limitation of claim 1 of the ‘367 patent recites “wherein the gastric  
14 balloon structure is configured to float freely in the patient’s gastric cavity and is  
15 not connected to any catheter, lumen or tether after deployment in the patient’s  
16 gastric cavity;” SUF, ¶ 10. A POSITA would understand the words of this claim  
17 limitation according to their plain and ordinary meaning without the need for further  
18 construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 127.

19 A POSITA would recognize this claim limitation as literally present in the  
20 ReShape Balloon. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 128-129. The ReShape Balloon is a free-  
21 floating, untethered gastric balloon structure that is deployed in a gastric cavity of  
22 a patient and is not connected to any catheter, lumen, or tether after deployment.  
23 SUF, ¶¶ 44-45; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 128-129.

24 **f. Fifth element**

25 The fifth element of claim 1 of the ‘367 patent recites “wherein the gastric  
26 balloon structure, in its inflated state, assumes a curved shape conforming to a  
27 natural three-dimensional kidney shape of the gastric cavity, such that the flexible  
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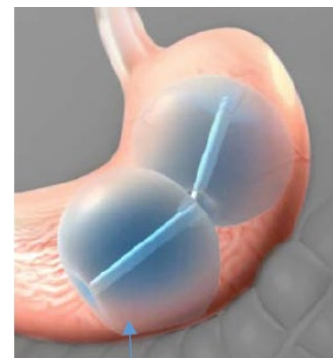
1 member flexibly conforms, upon at least partially filling the at least two isolated  
2 non-concentric inflatable chambers, the gastric balloon structure to the natural  
3 three-dimensional kidney shape of the gastric cavity.” A POSITA would understand  
4 the words of this claim limitation according to their plain and ordinary meaning  
5 without the need for further construction. Bhoyrul Dec., ¶ 131.

6 A POSITA would recognize this claim [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED] ReShape Balloon is inflated after  
9 it is implanted into the patient’s stomach.

10 SUF, ¶ 14. When the device is inflated it  
11 takes a curved shape as shown in the figure  
12 to the right. SUF, ¶ 14; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶  
13 129-131. When inflated, the ReShape

14 Integrated Dual Balloon Assembly is  
15 designed to occupy a significant portion of the stomach  
16 while conforming to the natural shape and contour of the  
17 patient’s stomach. SUF, ¶¶ 24-26; ¶¶ 49-59; Bhoyrul  
18 Dec. ¶¶ 132-134. As the image on the right shows, the  
19 flexible central spine of the ReShape device bends and  
20 conforms the device to the shape of the patient’s



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21 stomach. SUF, ¶¶ 37-38; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 132-134. In  
22 fact, ReShape has represented that ReShape Balloon is [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]  
24 [REDACTED] SUF, ¶ 55.

25 In sum, the foregoing establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that  
26 each and every element of claim 1 of the ‘367 patent is literally present in the  
27 ReShape Balloon when that claim is properly understood according to its plain and  
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1 ordinary meaning. No reasonable juror could find otherwise, and summary  
2 judgment of infringement as to claim 1 of the ‘367 patent is therefore appropriate.

3 **C. Defendants infringe dependent claims reciting that the same type**  
4 **of fluid is used to fill the compartments or chambers.**

5 Dependent claim 11 of the ‘930 patent, dependent claim 7 of the ‘367 patent  
6 both depend from claim 1 of those patents (discussed above) and recite that the  
7 space-filling compartments or inflatable chambers are filled with the same fluid.  
8 SUF, ¶¶ 83, 84 The balloons of the ReShape Balloon are filled with the same fluid,  
9 i.e. saline. SUF, ¶ 85. Accordingly, the ReShape Balloon infringes dependent claim  
10 11 of the ‘930 patent, dependent claim 7 of the ‘367 patent.

11 **D. Defendants infringe claims 5 and 6 of the ‘930 patent.**

12 Claim 5 depends from claim 1 and recites “wherein an outer surface of each  
13 of the inflatable space-filling compartments aligns against greater and lesser  
14 curvatures of the stomach.” The outer surface of the left side of the balloon aligns  
15 against the lesser curvature of the stomach and the outer surface of the right side of  
16 the balloon aligns against the greater curvature of the stomach. SUF, ¶ 37; Bhoyrul  
17 Dec., ¶¶ 54-57. Accordingly, Defendants infringe claim 5 of the ‘930 patent

18 Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and recites “the obesity treatment device of  
19 claim 5, wherein the obesity treatment device is untethered in the stomach after  
20 inflation.” The ReShape Balloon is a free-floating, untethered gastric balloon  
21 structure that deployed in a gastric cavity of a patient unconnected to any catheter,  
22 lumen, or tether after deployment. SUF, ¶¶ 44-45; Bhoyrul Dec., ¶¶ 128-129.

23 **CONCLUSION**

24 For the foregoing reasons, Fulfillium respectfully requests that the Court  
25 grant its motion and enter an order awarding partial summary judgment of  
26 infringement.  
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